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SUBJ :KAUNDA TIMETABLE FOR RHODESIA

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN RAND DAILY MAIL OF APRIL 24.
DR.EDSON SITHOLE,PUBLICITY SECRETARY OF AFRICAN NATIONAL
COUNCIL,RELEASED REPORT APRIL 20 COMPILED BY TWO WHITE
RHODESIAN FARMERS WHICH CLAIMS ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH
KAUNDA TOLD THEM THAT ONE MAN, ONE VOTE MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA COULD TAKE TEN YEARS. KAUNDA REPORTEDLY GAVE VIEWS
IN LUSAKA INTERVIEW IN EARLY APRIL. SITHOLE
APPARENTLY RELEASED REPORT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT CLAIMED THAT
KAUNDA SAID THERE WOULD BE NO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA FOR
TEN YEARS.

2. NEWSMEN IN SALISBURY DID NOT PUBLISH REPORT FOR SEVERAL
DAYS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO GET CLARIFICATION FROM AUTHORS OF
DOCUMENT AND FROM ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO RAND
DAILY MAIL,ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES MADE NO RESPONSE,BUT SANDY
FIRKS, WHO COMPILED REPORT WITH JOHN STRONG, SAID SITHOLE
MISINTERPRETED REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO KAUNDA. FIRKS SAID
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KAUNDA INDICATED HE THOUGHT BLACK MAJORITY RULE WOULD

COME TO RHODESIA THROUGH QUALIFIED FRANCHISE,BUT THAT
FULL ONE MAN, ONE VOTE COULD TAKE TEN YEARS. KAUNDA TOLD
MEN THAT RHODESIAN COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE WAS NECESSARY
FOR SETTLEMENT.

3. DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY WAS INTENDED FOR LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
AMONG TOP RHODESIAN LEADERS AND RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF
MAJORITY RULE. AUTHORS DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS'MODERN
CONSERVATIVES' WHO DO NOT WANT TO PREVENT THE INEVITABLE,
BUT WANT TO TRY TO CONTROL SPEED AND DIRECTION OF CHANGE.
THEY CLAIM SEVENTY PERCENT OF FARMING LEADERSHIP SHARE
THEIR VIEWS AND ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF BLACK
RULE.

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